

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No.

8265-320

Total Pages

18

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

Ralf ZINK

Express Mail Label No.

Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **14**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description of the Invention *(including drawings, if filed)*
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) *(35 USC 113)* [Total Sheets **02**]
- ☒ Unexecuted Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets **02**]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTORS(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(useable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program *(Appendix)*
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
11. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Other:

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of

18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Label**20582***(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)*or ☐ Correspondence address below

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE

FAX

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP
COUNSELLORS AT LAW
1667 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 496-4400

Attorney Docket No. 8265-320

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following utility patent application is enclosed for filing:

Applicants:	Ralf ZINK Marina ELLI Roberto RENIERO Lorenzo MORELLI	Executed on:	Unexecuted Unexecuted Unexecuted Unexecuted
-------------	--	--------------	--

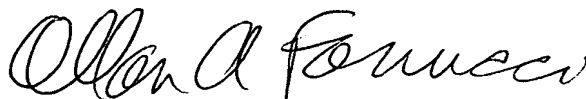
Title: **ENHANCED GROWTH OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA IN MILK**

PATENT APPLICATION FEE VALUE

TYPE	NO. FILED	LESS	EXTRA	EXTRA RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	-20	0	\$18.00 each	\$ 0.00
Independent	3	-3	0	\$78.00 each	\$ 0.00
Minimum Fee					\$ 690.00
Multiple Dependency Fee If Applicable (\$260.00)					\$ 0.00
Total					\$ 690.00
50% Reduction for Independent Inventor, Nonprofit Organization or Small Business Concern (a verified statement as to the applicant's status is attached)					\$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee					\$ 690.00

- ☒ Priority of Application No. 99 108 717.2 filed on April 30, 1999 in the European Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Allan A. Fanucci, Reg. No. 30,256

PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP

Date

4/26/00